

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, One of this State's most dedicated and
3 personable leaders of local government, Euvon Mapes Radel, is
4 retiring as supervisor of Sonora Township in Hancock County
5 after decades of public service; and

6 WHEREAS, Euvon Mapes Radel, farmer and mother of four
7 children, set out to become active in local government in
8 1973 by going door to door in a harvest gold pick-up truck,
9 talking to voters, and enlisting support for her candidacy as
10 supervisor of Sonora Township; and

11 WHEREAS, In the spring of 1973, she was elected to her
12 first four-year term as supervisor, and she was re-elected in
13 the six successive elections; and

14 WHEREAS, Sonora Township has seen many changes since the
15 1970's, when town meetings were conducted in Euvon Radel's
16 kitchen because the weather was either too hot or too cold to
17 use the town hall; and

18 WHEREAS, These monthly, in-home meetings featured
19 discussion and dessert, and while they were not without
20 diverse opinion and were not always harmonious, they provided
21 a good perspective on the local government and encouraged the
22 compromises necessary among local elected officials to reach
23 their goals on a limited budget; and

24 WHEREAS, The 1970's brought development to the township
25 with annual federal revenue sharing, which provided much
26 needed financial assistance for the replacement of bridges on
27 all of the creeks leading to the Mississippi River; and

28 WHEREAS, In the 1980's, several unused roads were closed
29 and Sonora Town Hall was renovated with new siding, new storm
30 windows, a lower ceiling, a new door, and electric heaters
31 for those cold election nights; and

1 WHEREAS, During that decade, Euvon Mapes Radel was an
2 active participant of the multi-township as a governmental
3 entity; and

4 WHEREAS, The 1990's brought a renewed interest in a new,
5 long-term home for Sonora Town Hall, with the locating of
6 land for a forty-year lease to begin the new century; and

7 WHEREAS, The millennium will bring a new building for
8 town meetings and a shop and storage facility for the
9 township road grader and truck; and

10 WHEREAS, One of Euvon's favorite duties as supervisor has
11 been assisting with elections, including reminding people to
12 vote, getting election materials, and providing cinnamon
13 rolls, milk shakes, and dinner for those hard working
14 election judges; and

15 WHEREAS, While serving Sonora Township for four decades,
16 Euvon Radel has worked with two county clerk's, Roscoe
17 McDaniel and Kerry Asbridge, whom she has truly admired for
18 their diligence, hard work, and patience as election
19 officials; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate Euvon Mapes Radel upon her retirement as
23 supervisor of Sonora Township in Hancock County, expressing
24 our appreciation of a career dedicated to public service at
25 the most vital, grass-root level and commending her to every
26 citizen of Illinois who knows that local government is the
27 bulwark of democracy; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 provided to Euvon Mapes Radel.